area where the ground water is generally saline and not fit for drinking;

(b) A scheme for installation of 250 new tubewells and 200 additional deep bore hand-pumps during 1998-99 has been launched;

(c) 4 underground reservoirs and booster pumping stations located at Burari, Sultanpuri, Shastri Nagar and Holambi Kalan were commissioned during the current year; and

(d) about 1000 water trucks/tankers have been deployed for supplying potable water in far flung colonies, rural areas, slums/JJ clusters and other deficit areas.

RDX with Punjab Militants

4655. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrest of two suspected Punjab Militants alongwith 18 Kgs. of RDX and sophisticated ABCD timer devices in Punjabi Bagh area of West Delhi has been reported in recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof with names of VIPs of Delhi who were in the hit-list of arrested terrorists;

(c) whether the militants can implant powerful bombs in the over-crowded buses in Delhi to take revenge of these arrests taking advantage of the situation; and

(d) if so, the steps to be taken to reduce over-crowding?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Delhi Police arrested two suspected militants on the 9th July, 1998 following the recovery of 18 kilograms of RDX, 4 ABCD Timers, etc. from a truck in Punjabi Bagh area of Delhi. The interrogation of the arrested persons has not so far revealed that any particular VIP was on their hit-list.

(c) and (d) The terrorists have the inherent advantage of selecting the time, place and target for perpetuating their ghastly acts. The buses carrying passengers are especially vulnerable in this context. Delhi Police on their part have taken several measures to prevent such crimes. These include intensified deployment of police personnel at Inter-State Bus Terminus and Railway Stations in Delhi; random checking of buses; and increased surveillance on suspected hide-outs of militants.

Smugglers Nexus with Police

4656. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has seen the news-item appearing in The Hindustan Times on 2nd July, 1998, under the heading "6 Pak nationals escape";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that some Pakistani nationals who entered India for spying were detained at the joint interrogation centre at Bhuj (Kutch) escaped from police custody;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that Kutch area is the centre of Pakistani smugglers who visit both countries without any restrictions as they have nexus with the security and police agencies; and

(e) if so, cases of this nature occurred during the last five years and the number of complaints received against involvement of police or security agencies, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Facts of the matter are that on the night of June 30/July 1st, 1998, six Pak nationals (including four of Bangladesh origin) detained in Joint Interrogation Centre (JIC) Bhuj (Gujarat) escaped from police custody by breaking the iron grille of the toilet. Five

of them were fishermen who had completed their sentence and were awaiting their repatriation to Pakistan. One of them was taken into custody by BSF on 15.10.1997 for illegally crossing the border. Their involvement in espionage has not come to notice.

In this regard, eight police personnel, who were on duty, at the time of escape, have been placed under suspension and an enquiry into the incident is in progress.

Following the incident, the strength of the guards at JIC Bhuj has been increased. It is not correct that Kutch area is the centre of Pakistani smugglers.

The cases of smuggling etc. are registered with the local police under various provisions of law and therefore, details in this regard are maintained by the state government.

बलात्कार के मामले

4657. **श्री अखिलेश दास:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1997-98 के दौरान (अब तक) देश में सभी राज्यों में युवतियों-महिलाओं के साथ बलात्कार की कितनी घटनाएं हुई हैं;

(ख) ग्रामीण और शहरी क्षेत्रों में हुए बलात्कार के कितने मामले पुलिस थानों में दर्ज किए गए;

(ग) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि कुछेक मामलों में युवतियां-महिलाएं गर्भवती हुई है; और

(घ) क्या कुछेक मामलों को पुलिस द्वारा दर्ज नहीं किया गया है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाए हैं तथा शहरी क्षेत्रों में बलात्कार की बढ़ती हुई घटनाओं को रोकने हेतु सरकार क्या कदम उठाने पर विचार कर रही है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) वर्ष 1997 और 1998 के दौरान देश में हुई बलात्कार की घटनाओं के संबंध में उपलब्ध सूचना संलग्न विवरण में दी गयी है। **(नीचे देखिए)**

(ख) और (ग) इस संबंध में विशिष्ट सूचना, तुरंत सुलभ नहीं है। अपराध की अलग-अलग घटनाओं के ब्यौरे भी केन्द्रीय स्तर पर नहीं रखे जाते हैं।

(घ) और (ङ) "लोक व्यवस्था" और "पुलिस" राज्य के विषय हैं। अपराधों को दर्ज करना, उनकी जांच-पड़ताल पता लगाना तथा रोकथाम करना मुख्यतः राज्य सरकारों की जिम्मेवारी है। तथापि, केन्द्र सरकार महिलाओं के प्रति क्रूरता के मामले में उठाए जाने वाले निवारक और दण्डात्मक उपायों के बारे में समय-समय पर संबंधित राज्य सरकारों को लिखती रही है। केन्द्र सरकार संगत कानूनों को और अधिक कठोर तथा दण्डात्मक बनाने के उद्देश्य से उनमें आशोधन एवं संशोधन भी करती रही है।

विवरण

क्रम संख्या	राज्य/संघ शासित क्षेत्र का नाम	1997	1998	टिप्पणी =(1998 के आंकड़े निम्न महीनों तक के हैं
1	2	3	4	5
1.	आन्ध्र प्रदेश	906	152	मार्च
2.	अरुणाचल प्रदेश	47	11	मार्च
3.	असम	645	225	अप्रैल
4.	बिहार	189	NAउ०न०	उ०न०
5.	गोवा	15	7	मई